

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LOUREN 00935 220958Z

13

ACTION AF-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-08 ISO-00 IO-04 CIAE-00 DODE-00 NSAE-00

NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 PM-03 H-01 INR-05 L-02

NSC-05 PA-01 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 OPR-01 SY-04

A-01 SCS-02 SCA-01 OC-01 CCO-00 SCCT-01 /067 W

----- 073810

O 220830Z OCT 74

FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 2978

INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LISBON IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL LUANDA IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL LUMBUMBASHI IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MBABANE IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE

USMISSION USUN IMMEDIATE

CINCLANT FOR POLAD

CINCEUR

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LOURENCO MARQUES 0935

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

KINSHASA OR LUBUMBASHI FOR ASST SECY EASUM

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, MILI, MZ

SUBJECT: SITREP 1, LOURENCO MARQUES

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 931, 932 AND 933

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LOUREN 00935 220958Z

1. ACCORDING TO LATEST TOLL, RELEASED BY RADIO CLUBE DE MOZAMBIQUE, CASUALTIES FROM INCIDENTS IN LOURENCO MARQUES OCTOBER 21 THUS FAR TOTAL 36 DEAD AND 80 WOUNDED (OF WHOM 30 SERIOUSLY). WE ARE TRYING TO CONTACT ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS IN LOURENCO MARQUES TO ASCERTAIN THEIR SAFETY. MISS FAIRY COCHLIN, AN AMERICAN NAZARENE MISSIONARY, RECEIVED TREATMENT AT HOSPITAL FOR MINOR INJURIES CAUSED BY STONE AND WAS RELEASED. NO OTHER AMERICAN CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

2. ACCORDING TO SOURCES, AROUND 5 PM OCTOBER 21 GROUP OF PORTUGUESE COMMANDOS SPORTING FOR FIGHT BROKE WEAPONS OF AND KILLED TWO FRELIMO SOLDIERS ON AVE. REPUBLICA, MAIN STREET OF LOURENCO MARQUES. GENERAL SHOOTING ENSUED BETWEEN COMMANDOS AND FRELIMO TROOPS, WITH NUMEROUS CIVILIAN CASUALTIES (IT WAS RUSH HOUR). PORTUGUESE AND FRELIMO FORCES TOOK MEASURES TO CONTROL DISSIDENT COMMANDOS (ESTIMATED TO BE COMPANY OF 150) AND EVACUATE THEM TO NAMPULA, FROM WHERE THEY WILL GO TO LISBON. IN MEANTIME, AFRICAN POPULATION IN SUBURBS REACTED ANGRILY TO NEWS, STONING AND BURNING CARS AND TRUCKS. ROAD TO AIRPORT AND MAIN ROADS OUT OF CITY WERE CLOSED. FRELIMO REPORTEDLY SENT OUT REPRESENTATIVES TO SUBURBS TO CALM THEM DOWN.

3. MESSAGES FROM BOTH HIGH COMMISSIONER CRESPO AND PRIME MINISTER CHISSANO WERE CARRIED IN NOTICIAS OF OCTOBER 22. SPEECHES STRESSED THAT: (A) INCIDENTS WERE CAUSED BY HANDFUL OF "REACTIONARIES" WHO ATTACKED BOTH BLACK AND WHITE POPULATION; (B) REACTIONARIES WERE LINKED TO LARGER MANEUVER IN PORTUGAL AGAINST REVOLUTION THERE; (C) POPULATION SHOULD TAKE CARE TO IDENTIFY ENEMY AND NOT RETALIATE GENERALLY BECAUSE IT WOULD FAVOR REACTIONARIES. (COMMENT: IT CLEAR GOVERNMENT WISHES TO PERSUADE POPULATION INCIDENTS NOT RACIALLY MOTIVATED.)

4. LOURENCO MARQUES NOW APPEARS CALM. ROADS TO AIRPORT AND OUT OF LOURENCO MARQUES ARE NOW OPEN. DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL AREA SEEMS FUNCTIONING NORMALLY.

5. COMMENT: WHITE POPULATION STILL APPEARS TENSE. SOME OF THEM HAVE INFORMED US THAT THESE LATEST INCIDENTS HAVE PERSUADED MANY THAT THEY HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO LEAVE MOZAMBIQUE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 LOUREN 00935 220958Z

ONCE PORTUGUESE GROUND FORCES LEAVE (MOST REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED TO LEAVE BY END OF YEAR), THEY FEAR FRELIMO AND MOZAMBIKAN TROOPS WILL NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO MAINTAIN SECURITY SITUATION UNDER CONTROL. WALKER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ARMED FORCES, CIVIL DISORDERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 OCT 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: shawdg
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974LOUREN00935
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740300-0825
From: LOURENCO MARQUES
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741028/aaaaaxas.tel
Line Count: 112
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: LOURENCO MARQUES 931, 932 AND 933
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: shawdg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 JUN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03 JUN 2002 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <06 MAR 2003 by shawdg>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SITREP 1, LOURENCO MARQUES
TAGS: PINS, MILI, MZ
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005